



Honorable Nancy Floreen
Council Office Building
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Dear Councilwoman Floreen,

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Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, MD, Inc. gratefully acknowledges your support of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and of Friends of the Library. Your role in the appropriation of the county budget for Fiscal Year 2008 has enabled the Arts and Humanities Council to award a generous grant, with an increase in funds from previous years, to Friends of the Library. These funds will be used for only the best interests of the county's residents and will help increase the quality of the services offered throughout the Montgomery County Public Libraries.

As you may know, the mission of Friends of the Library is to enhance the programs and services offered by the Montgomery County Public Libraries and to promote literacy and lifelong appreciation of literature. Friends of the Library sponsors such library programs as Summer Reading for children, teenagers, and adults as well as book clubs, guest authors, and after-school activities for children at various branches of the library system. However, as a non-profit organization, Friends of the Library is dependent upon the generosity of others, making your support even more important. *Your* actions have made it possible to further the Friends' mission in offering the best programs and services at the library branches and your generosity will be felt and appreciated by patrons of all ages and backgrounds.

To gain an even better understanding and appreciation of the diverse programs offered by Friends of the Library, I invite you to attend some of the events sponsored by the Friends. For example, the Literary Luncheon series (*see enclosed brochure*) features local writers and gives you a wonderful opportunity to meet and learn about these authors. If you are interested in this program and find the times convenient to your schedule, do not hesitate to come to one of the sessions and enjoy yourself! Just call the Friends of the Library at (240)777-0020 to RSVP.

For further details and information about programs offered and sponsored by Friends of the Library, I encourage you to visit the Friends' website at www.folmc.org. The next time you are using the services offered by the public libraries or Friends of the Library, you will feel better knowing that you played an important part in making our libraries such an amazing resource. Thank you again for your commitment to supporting the arts and humanities in Montgomery County and your generosity enabling the grant to Friends of the Library. Your cooperation and support is much appreciated not only by the Friends but also by your library-using constituents.

Sincerely,


Ari Z. Brooks, MSW
Executive Director

*Many thanks for
your help all
year long!*